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SUBJECT: UNCTAD: WASHINGTON VISIT OF RAMACHANDRA PRADLAM,
DIRECTOR OF UNCTAD/UNDP PROJECT ON THE G.S.P.

1. SUMMARY. RAMACHANDRA PRADHAM AND JURGEN BRANDENBURG OF UNCTAD PROJECT ON THE GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES (GSP) REQUEST APPOINTMENTS WITH APPROPRIATE US OFFICIALS ON JULY 7 TO 9 INCLUSIVE TO DISCUSS PROJECT'S ACTIVITIES DURING 1976 WITH RESPECT TO US SYSTEM OF GSP. END SUMMARY.

2. UNCTAD/UNDP TRAINING AND ADVISORY SERVICES PROJECT ON GSP, WHICH BEGAN MAY 1, 1972, GIVEN ADDITIONAL FINANCING BY UNDP TO EXTEND ITS LIFE UNTIL MARCH 1977 SO THAT IT COULD ASSIST BENEFICIARIES OF US GSP SCHEME. PROJECT DIRECTOR PRADHAM WISHES TO PREPARE HANDBOOK OF US GSP SIMILAR TO THOSE PREPARED ON SCHEMES OF EC, JAPAN AND NORDIC COUNTRIES AND WOULD LIKE TO HAVE AN UP-TO-DATE BRIEFING ON THE US SCHEME. HE WISHES TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE US COOPERATION IN PREPARATION OF HANDBOOK AND POSSIBLE PARTICIPATION OF US OFFICIALS IN INTER-REGIONAL SEMINARS AND COUNTRY MISSIONS EXPLAINING
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THE VARIOUS GSP SCHEMES TO GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, CHAMBERS

OF COMMERCE, TRADE ASSOCIATIONS, EXPORTERS AND MANUFACTURES IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. SEVERAL DONOR COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY THE EC, HAVE MADE OFFICIALS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PURPOSE OR HAVE MOUNTED THEIR OWN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE MISSIONS ON THEIR GSP SYSTEMS IN COOPERATION WITH THE PROJECT.

3. PRADHAM WOULD ALSO LIKE TO OBTAIN US VIEWS ON THE POSSIBILITY OF A US OFFICIAL FAMILIAR WITH THE FORMULATION AND IMPLICATIONS OF THE US GSP SCHEME BEING MADE AVAILABLE TO JOIN THE STAFF OF THE PROJECT DURING 1976-77. THE PRINCIPAL FUNCTION OF SUCH AN OFFICIAL WOULD BE TO DEVELOP AND RUN SEMINARS AND ADVISORY SERVICE MISSIONS TO ASSIST LDC EXPORTERS AND MANUFACTURERS UNDERSTAND AND MAKE USE OF THE US SCHEME.

4. PRADHAM WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY A GERMAN EXPERT ON CUSTOMS PROCEDURES WORKING ON LOAN TO THE PROJECT, JURGEN BRANDERBURG, WHO WISHES TO DISCUSS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE US GSP AT THE CUSTOMS WORKING LEVEL. HE WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES INCLUDING RULES OF ORIGIN, CALCULATION OF VALUE ADDED, AND APPLICATION OF COMPETITIVE NEED.

5. THE PROJECT HAS PLANS FOR FOUR INTERREGIONAL SEMINARS DURING 1975-76. ONE FINANCED BY THE EC WILL BE HELD IN BRUSSELS FROM 18 TO 27 NOVEMBER 1975 FOR 36 SENIOR LEVEL OFFICIALS FROM 18 COUNTRIES. DURING 1976 THE FRG WILL FINANCE A SEMINAR IN BONN, THE SWEDISH INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY WILL FINANCE ONE IN GENEVA; AND VENEZUELA HAS OFFERED TO HOST ONE IN CARACAS FOR LATIN AMERICAN PARTICIPANTS. WITH RESPECT TO THE CARACAS SEMINAR, PRADHAM SAID THAT THEY WISHED TO FOCUS IT PRINCIPALLY ON THE US GSP, AND HE INQUIRED ABOUT THE CHANGES THAT VENEZUELA WOULD BE DESIGNATED A BENEFICIARY OF THE US GSP. HE ALSO SAID THAT HUGO CUBILLOS, THE FORMER CHILEAN AMBASSADOR IN GENEVA UNDER THE ALLENDE GOVERNMENT, HAD BEEN EMPLOYED BY THE PROJECT AS ITS LATIN AMERICAN EXPERT AND WOULD BE IN CARACAS TO DISCUSS PREPARATIONS FOR THE SEMINAR AT THE SAME TIME

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PRADHAM WAS VISITING WASHINGTON.

6. PRADHAM AND BRANDENBURG WOULD LIKE TO SEE US OFFICIALS IN STATE, STR, ITC, COMMERCE, TREASURY INCLUDING CUSTOMS, AND AGRICULTURE. PRADHAM UNDERSTANDS FROM HIS INQUIRIES IN UNCTAD THAT THE FOLLOWING MIGHT BE THE APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS FOR HIM AND BRANDENBURG TO SEE: STATE, EB DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY MAYNARD GLITMAN

AND EB/OT/GCP DAVID DUNFORD; STR, THOMAS GRAHAM AND
STEVEN LANDE; ITC, WILLIAN HART AND JOHN BOYD; COMMERCE,
ANN CARCIA AND BRUCE MILLER; TREASURY, JOHN RAY AND
EDWARD GREENE; AGRICULTURE, JIM STARKEY AND BARBARA
SHARKEY; AND US CUSTOMS, WILLIAM MARCHI, RICHARD
ROSETTE AND PAUL GIGUERE. DALE

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